

# **MINUTES OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AND DELTA AREA COMMITTEE JANUARY 11, 2000**

## **Welcome and Administrative Remarks**

LCDR Pete Gautier, USCG opened by noting that Gresham Hall, where the meetings are normally held, is still being renovated. For the next 4-5 months, the Committee will be meeting in the Banners Club. LCDR Gautier then introduced himself and LT Larry Kirsch, OSPR, as the co-chairs of the San Francisco Bay and Delta Area Committee.

LCDR Gautier briefed the Committee on the status of the ACP revision. The complete ACP will be finalized tomorrow. It will then go to Tim Holmes at Coast Guard District 11 for printing. The document will soon be available at Kinko's Copies in Walnut Creek and on the MSO San Francisco Bay website. LCDR Gautier then thanked the Committee for all of the work that was put into completing this revision and presented each member with a "thank you" letter. Coast Guard Headquarters used our plan as a guide to create a template for the other Area Contingency Plans (ACPs) around the country. Tim informed the group that when the final template comes out we may need to make some minor adjustments to our plan. Tim also noted that all three revised ACPs from California will be completed this week.

## **New Business**

LCDR Gautier introduced a discussion on recent events in the Bay area. Of particular interest this month was the preparation for Y2K. Although we were fully prepared for the event, nothing of major significance occurred.

LCDR Gautier noted that there have not been any major spills recently; however, there have been numerous fishing vessel incidents. F/V ISABELLA sunk off of Point Pfeiffer near Big Sur with approximately 120 gallons of diesel on board. The boat was raised, and the oil was removed under a cooperation between the USCG and the Monterey National Marine Sanctuary. Several casualties occurred in the North Coast where loss of life resulted. After the operator fell asleep at the wheel, F/V PAUL C collided with the north jetty at Crescent City releasing 1800 gallons of diesel. Only one of the four individuals on board survived. The owner took responsibility for the cleanup and hired FOSS Environmental, although not much could be done in the situation. F/V SILVER SPRAY was struck by a wave in bad weather and sank. Three of the four people on board survived.

The next process exercise for the area will be held on January 27, 2000 at the MSO. These exercises improve the ability for the federal and state agencies to respond to an oil spill. The upcoming drill focuses on the use of dispersants. It will test the call out of dispersant resources, how much these resources will cost, the Regional Response Team (RRT) approval, and the quick approval checklist. The scenario will be set up for a spill outside of San Francisco Bay. Once we have accomplished this exercise, the next step will be a drill concerning a spill inside the Bay as well as an actual call out of resources to spray dye on the water.

The next OSRO Unannounced Exercise Planning meeting will be held during the first week of March. Jim Porter of ACTI noted that the OSRO's must meet specific requirements for sign-offs.

Nick Salcedo, BCDC, introduced Al Brooks. Al is finalizing some of the work that Charlotte Robertson started. He will be working closely with the Harbor Safety Committee.

Mr. Traan of Alameda County OES will be retiring. LCDR Gautier extended the Committee's thanks to him for all of his work during his time with the group. Terry Gitlin will now be the representative from Alameda County to the Committee.

LCDR Gautier announced some of the changes that will be occurring at the MSO in the recent future. CAPT Harlan Henderson will be transferring to become the Commanding Officer of the National Strike Force Coordination Center in Elizabeth City, NC. CAPT Larry Hereth of Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington D.C. will become the next COTP for San Francisco Bay. Another significant transfer will be the MSO's Chief of the Port Operations Department, CDR Kristy Plourde. CDR Plourde may also be transferring to the National Strike Force Coordination Center as the Executive Officer to CAPT Henderson.

The Golden Gate National Seashores discovered a wetlands area at Chrissy Field on the San Francisco waterfront. Steve Ricks of Clean Bay has checked out the site. It will be included as a "tentative" site in this revision of the ACP. The site still must go through the ACP Revision process in order to make it permanent.

### **ACP Planning Cycle**

The Committee moved on to the main topic for the meeting, future planning for ACP revisions. It was determined that a three-year cycle would be the best option for revisions. We are currently updating information rather than creating it as we were a few years ago. The best option would be to continually make small updates and do a complete document replacement and reprint every three years. Therefore, the new revision will be completed in 2003.

The group then discussed the future of the subcommittees. The members determined whether to keep, change, delete, or add new subcommittees.

1. **SS/GRP (Sensitive Site/Geographic Response Plan).** Carl Jochums recommended that this subcommittee remain. The Site Strategies are constantly being updated. The idea was introduced for Trajectories to have a separate subcommittee. Jim Harwick volunteered to take the interim lead and would like to meet with interested members in early February. There are currently no state standards for trajectories. The group will need to discuss the issue with the LA/LB and San Diego Area Committees to ensure consistency throughout the state. Ted Mar will be the POC for this effort.
2. **Drills and Exercises/Lessons Learned.** Terry Joslin recommended that this subcommittee continue as well. Drills and exercises are constantly being conducted, and we can always improve through lessons learned. Terry plans to develop a work plan for the group to capture lessons learned to present at the next meeting.
3. **Local Resources.** Steve Ricks commented that, since resources always need to be continuously updated in the ACP, this subcommittee will always be critical to improvement of the plan. Steve plans to review the most recent ACP update and move on from that point.
4. **Volunteers.** Nick Salcedo plans to work with Ellen Faurot-Daniels from the California Coastal Commission on this subcommittee to improve the callout process for the future.
5. **Wildlife Operations.** John Tarpley announced that California and Alaska's Wildlife Plans are complete and are being utilized by the east coast as guides for their plans. John recommended that this subcommittee be removed since it is no longer required.

The Committee brought up ideas for new subcommittees. One recommendation was for a Dispersants subcommittee. This group could put together a public affairs packet that could be distributed to the press when the question of dispersants is addressed. Mike Sowby of OSPR will be the chair of this group. Another subcommittee recommendation was for a Salvage group. LCDR Bateman, USCG, will provide a presentation at the next meeting on the MSO's Marine Firefighting Plan.

### **Set next meeting date**

The next meeting will be held at 9:30 AM Tuesday, March 7, 2000 at the Banners Club in Building 18 on Coast Guard Island.